



# EAST DON TRAIL

## CONSTRUCTION TIMING AND TREE REMOVAL

The City of Toronto and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) are constructing a multi-use trail to connect the existing East Don Trail, Gattineau Corridor Trail and the Don Trail System. The 4.6 km trail will fill a significant gap in the City of Toronto's multi-use trail system and assist in the management of several existing informal trails that fragment habitat areas.

The East Don Trail will be completed in two phases, with some work proposed to be done concurrently to meet the completion date of March 2020.

### TREE REMOVAL

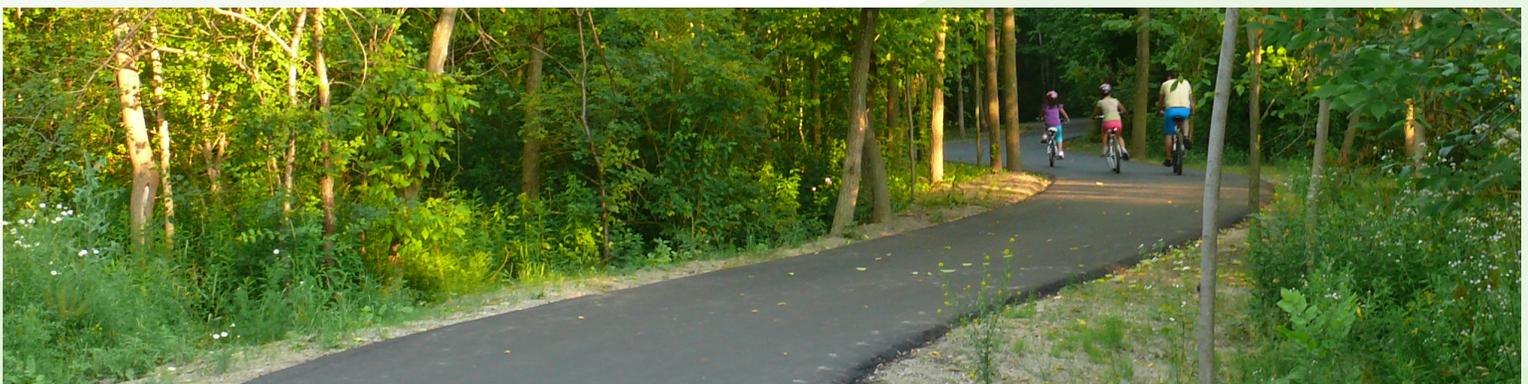
Construction on a portion of Phase 1 will start **July 2018** with tree removals within an area previously disturbed and least sensitive, located at the south connection to the Lower Don Trail network. Other areas in Phase 1 and Phase 2 with more sensitivity will have tree removals completed in **September 2018**.

The completion of the East Don Trail project will require a total of 2,710 trees to be removed, the majority of which (68%) are saplings that are *less than 10 cm* diameter at breast height (dbh).

### RESTORATION FOLLOWING TREE REMOVAL

Compensation for these tree removals has been coordinated with Urban Forestry and will include:

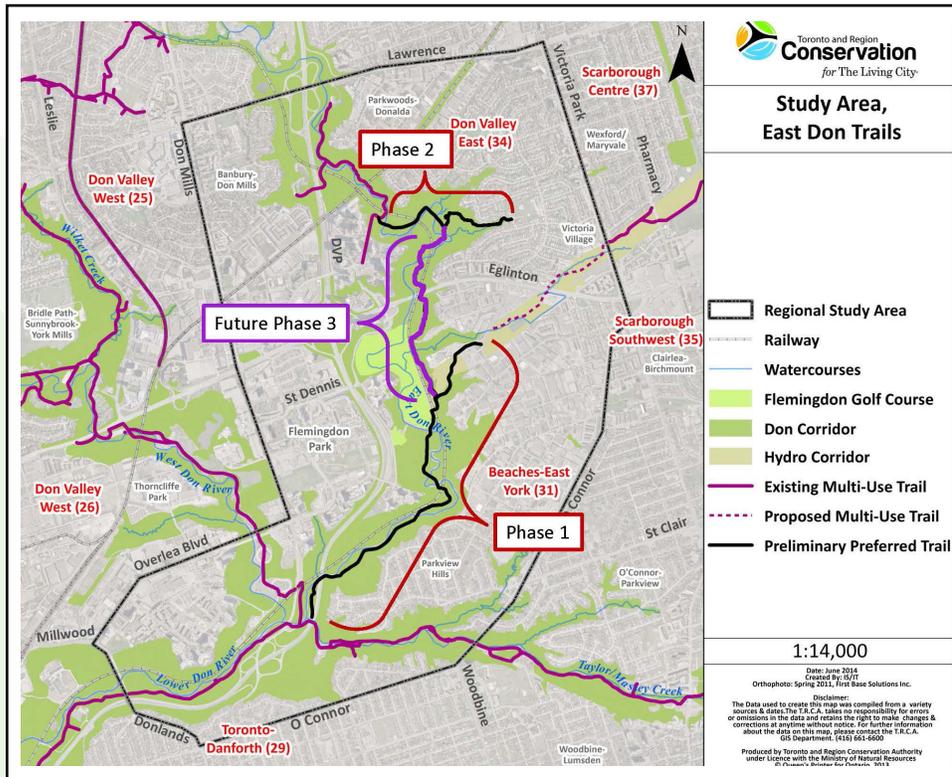
- 3,859 native trees to be re-planted in the area of the East Don Trail
- 640 native trees to be planted as part of future community plantings (details to come)
- 1,362 native trees in the Eglinton Ave East and Lawrence Ave East cloverleaf (just outside of the trail area)



The total number of trees *greater than 10 cm dbh* to be removed is 878. Of these removals, almost all (80%) are juvenile or small growing trees, which are less than 30 cm dbh. These smaller trees include 68 ash trees that would prematurely succumb to Emerald Ash Borer and 290 invasive Manitoba maples.

Of the remaining 20% of trees greater than 10 cm dbh to be removed, only 174 are mature trees (over 30 cm dbh). This includes 106 trees that are either in poor condition or invasive species. Only 66 of the mature trees are native and in healthy condition and only 45 of these have high preservation value; the remainder would be short-lived species.

Woody material from the tree removals will be repurposed and used for different projects including, but not limited to, as woodchips and using their root wads within habitat enhancement projects (such as Tommy Thompson Park, Lakeview Waterfront Connection project and other TRCA habitat enhancement projects).



## LEARN MORE

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**Top and middle:** Informal, user-created trails within the current East Don Trail area. **Bottom:** Existing paved section of East Don Trail.